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#### THIS MONTH:

- \* - Election Results - Who's
- \* Who and What's What
- \* - Rudy's SQ Notes
- \* - Presidents Message
- \* - A Newly Discovered "OPEN"
- \* For The QL.
- \* - And Other Great Things

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\* - 353 4522

\*V. Pres. - Neal Schultz

\* - 527 2191

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\* - 321 0694

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\*Meeting 3rd Saturday of the month

\* - 353 4522

\*Hardware - G. Kraemer

\*Meet-no set date. Call for info.

\* - 421 0179

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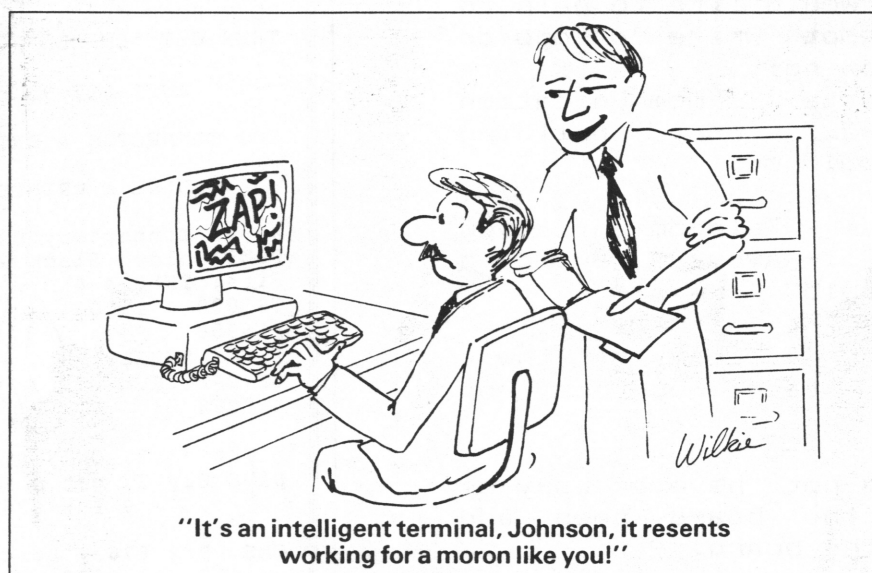
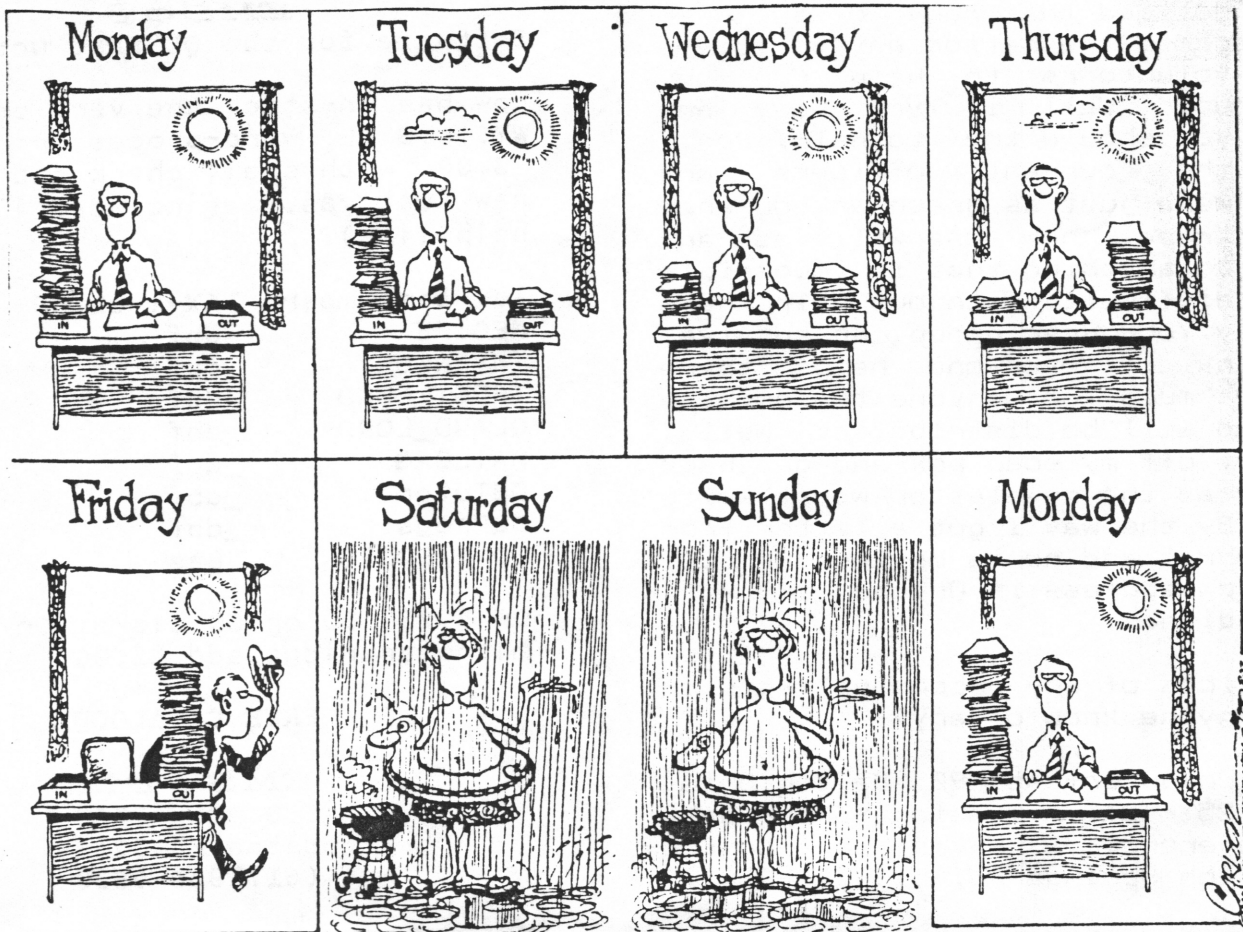
With an overwhelming number of votes Dick Cultice has become our new Treasurer, with all the trappings. Of course when everyone found out he was running no-one wanted to run so he was elected unanimously by voice vote. Dick, as you know, is our driving force in our educational training. He is now including the Treasurers duties. Dick is also changing our bank account. With this final changing of the guard I want to thank all of the former officers and welcome the new ones into the grand order of suckers.

Actually a great big THANK YOU to all of you who volunteered to help the club and to you members who helped before. Dick is still looking for direction as to what kinds of training you are looking for. Do you want modem help? I think I do.

To all you user groups out there. In conjunction with SNUG I am putting a data base together to link all of us Sinclairites together. If your members would not mind I would like to get their name, address, phone (with area code), and user group(s) to add to this data base. It is available to all for information. I can run searches by city, state or anything else on the data base. I can give you a phone list or mailing list. The only thing I need from you is what type of list you want and a stamped self addressed envelope.

If you can, include the type of computer, disk drive (quad, SSDD Etc), monitor, expansion board and any other hardware used. The more information the better. Thank you in advance.

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## PRESIDENTS PROGRAM

I have noticed that many of the user groups across the nation have problems getting volunteers to help run the club/group. Well if you have any energy you should try to help. Don't forget the current officers and helpers were just as green as you when they started. Know one will ask any one to do anything that is impossible or even difficult. With out help there is no way YOUR user group can survive. Just think if everyone helps there won't be much for anyone to do. The work load will be distributed. Well I must get off my soap box and get back to work as the newsletter won't write itself. By the way I got a letter from Don Lambret and he is moving. He will have a new address in October. It will be in Indiana.

Need notices of any upcoming fests or expos. Anyone know of any?

Dayton Computerfest '90. Dayton Ohio, August 25 - 26. Admission \$3 per day. Hara Conference & Exhibition Center 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd. 513-293-FEST.

## New BBS Costs

Upon reading the August Hacker, I found a startling fact. The FCC is trying to impose extra charges on those of us who use modems for any reason. This includes bank card auto tellers. If you would like to help to defeat this attempt write to one or both of the following:

Chairman, Senate Communication  
Subcommittee SH-227 Hart Building  
Washington, DC 20510 or

Chairman, House Telecommunication  
Subcommittee B331-Rayburn Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Also you can send a copy of these letters to your state Senators and Congressmen.

If your BBS does not have a copy of this message on the board then add this message to the board.

Reported in The Hacker as reported in other User Group Newsletters.

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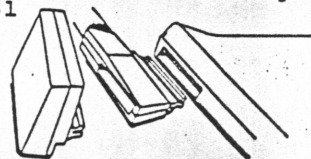
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## THE COLOR PRINTER

Marty returned the color printer to us at the last meeting. We questioned what should be done with it? It was decided that the printer would be available to anyone for six months. After that if the requests to use it are very small the club would put it up for sale. The cost of using the printer would be a modest \$5 per month plus the necessary ribbons. Marty reports that about 25 pictures can be made from one ribbon, and the cost of a color ribbon from G.K. Enterprises is \$5-6.

If you are interested in using the printer please contact me and I will bring it to the meeting. If you can't wait I will be home most evenings and you can make arrangements to pick it up then. It's up to you.

## Expansion Board

Is there anyone out there who has any experience or knowledge on the Trump Card? I recently purchased a used one and it stopped working. It was working then I moved the computer, after turning it off, and the RAM check at boot time will not complete. I get a white screen. I have pulled all the chips, not soldered into the board, and replaced them with ones from my working board, one at a time. All chips check out ok. Then Neal and I went over the board looking for a cold solder joints. After re-soldering most of the connections we still can't get it to work. I can use some help or ideas on what to look for. There don't appear to be any bent pins and as I said it does do some RAM checking. Well hope to hear from some of you because I sure want to use the board.

### COMPUTER AND PRINTER REPAIR

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## Modem Program

Anyone out there use the modem program called QL52? I have been trying it but could like your opinion of it. If tips and hints exist for the program I sure could use them. Also if there are any compare and contrasts to other QL modem programs I would like to see them also. Rudy and Pancho are working on packet radio and using the Sinclair computers and I would like to find a good modem driver to work for them. If we can get some of those Hams using the QL or TS2068 maybe we can reverse the MS-DOS trend.

Also please note some of our Sinclair newsletters have BBS names and numbers or all of you using your modems.

Modems and modeming are the best way to get and give ideas. The only thing is to watch out for bad code. (VIRUS). You might catch more than a cold. If you don't load programs or data it might not be a bad idea to use a 3 1/2 or 5 1/4 instead of the hard disk.

## New Magazines

I have subscribed to the new magazine being produced by Vulcan Publishers. It's called Vulcan Computer Monthly. This is the mag. that picked up the classic computer section previously in that other computer sales mag. Also I received my first copy, under the new publisher, of UPDATES. It has just as much, if not more, interesting facts and articles on all Sinclair computers.

Frank Davis has done his usual fine job in producing this fine mag. and I don't understand why more of you don't subscribe. The cost is reasonable and well worth it.

For subscription information contact:

a) Vulcan Computer Monthly, P.O. Box 7062 Atlanta, GA 30357-0062. Mention the Sinclair computer for added help.

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## GIGO Or In Otherwords The Meeting

What a mess. We had to have an abbreviated meeting because of the mix up by the S&L or the other group. For some reason the other group was assigned our normal Wednesday date. That is why we had to have our meeting on the following Monday. But someone forgot to tell the other group about it. They came on our date and were expecting to hold a meeting. Well after some discussion we determined we would hold a short meeting and then let them have theirs. They have over 50 attendees and we had 15. So we had a quick meeting and elected Dick as our Treasurer and adjourned. Please note Septembers meeting will be on our regular day and time. If you have any thing you would like to show or a question to be answered please show up with them.

## Total By State Of Sinclair Users

Using the data base I ran a total, by state, of all entrys on the data base. Those not using the 2 character state code have a no. assigned as follows:

AK 001	AL 008	AR 006	AZ 010	CA 073
CO 010	CT 017	DC 007	DE 003	FL 065
GA 014	HI 002	IA 014	ID 000	IL 064
IN 034	KS 015	KY 008	LA 005	MA 036
MD 052	ME 002	MI 034	MN 008	MO 013
MS 003	MT 001	NC 011	ND 001	NE 000
NH 013	NJ 030	NM 006	NV 004	NY 089
OH 057	OK 006	OR 024	PA 058	PR 001
RI 005	SC 004	SD 001	TN 010	TX 035
UT 002	VA 037	VT 001	WA 035	WI 074
WV 007	WY 003	01 003	02 001	03 001
04 008	05 001	06 031	07 014	08 001
09 000	10 001	11 000	12 002	13 041

01=N.W.T.; 02=Alberta; 03=Nova Scotia;  
04=Quebec; 05=New Brunswick; 06=Ontario;  
07=British Columbia; 08=Newfoundland;  
09=Yukon Terr.; 10=Saskatchawn; 11=PEI;  
12=Manitoba; 13=All others.

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2 NEW RELEASES FROM

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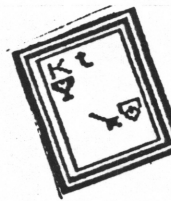
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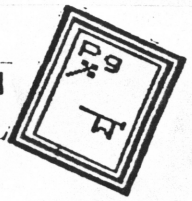
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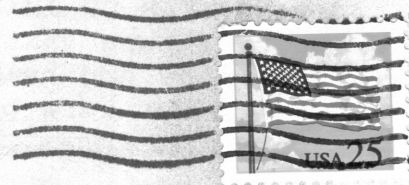
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The next meeting of SMUG will be held on:  
Wednesday, September 5, 1990

Location:  
Equitable Savings and Loan,  
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6pm Set Up  
6:30 Demo Of New QL Programs  
7:30 Business Meeting  
8:30 Who Can Show What They'r Doing  
9:00 Demo Of QL Database  
10:30 Clean Up

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